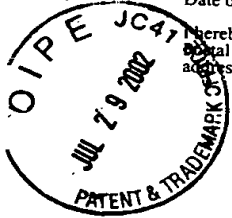


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REQUEST FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

The initial period for response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed March 22, 2002 expired on June 22, 2002.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136 petition is hereby made for a one-month extension of time up to and including July 22, 2002 in which to respond to the Official Action. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for the extension fee is enclosed herewith. Authorization is hereby provided to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

Respectfully submitted,

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